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1. Various changes in the administrative personnel of the Central Administration for Transportation in the Russian Zone (ZVV) are anticipated. Dr. Wilhelm Fitzner, president of the ZVV, is reported to have fallen into disfavor with the Russians because of his resistance to their introduction of politics into ZVV affairs. Moreover, he protested strongly against the recent order for the indiscriminate dismantling of railroad tracks; he has proposed to furnish the twelve hundred (or, according to other sources, three thousand) kilometers of tracks ordered from lines other than the important branches which had been prescribed simply because of their convenient location. It seems likely that Fitzner's position may be taken by Vice-president Otto Kühne, a Communist, who would unconditionally guarantee to execute all SMA orders.
2. Dr. Baumann, a member of the CDU and chief of the Präsidialabteilung of the ZVV, has been granted a leave of absence, which is believed to be the equivalent of actual dismissal. In dealing with the SMA, Baumann never failed to advance his own opinions, frequently criticizing SMA orders and offering counter-proposals. It is also expected that Dr. Leitner, a CDU member and Dr. Fitzner's closest adviser, will be forced to submit his resignation.

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